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REQUEST AND FEE FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME (THREE MONTHS) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Dear Sirs:

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action mailed June 5, 1998. The Patent and Trademark office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 05-1135 for the requisite fee of \$475.00 for a small entity for an extension for response within the third month as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c). Small entity status was previously established in this application and is still applicable. A response to the June 5, 1998 Office Action was due September 5, 1998, extensible to December 5, 1998, with the filing of an extension request accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a). As December 5, 1998 is a Saturday, this paper may be filed in the United States patent and Trademark Office on December 7, 1998. Accordingly, this request for an extension of time and authorization for charging applicants attorneys' Deposit Account for the requisite extension fee accompanying an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.115, which is being filed simultaneously herewith, is being timely filed.

No other fee is believed due in connection with this extension request. If any other fee or fees are due, however, authorization is hereby made to charge the amount

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of any such other fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 05-1135 or to charge any overpayment thereto. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS REQUEST IS ENCLOSED.

Respectfully submitted,

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